

Inspection Report

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Customer ID: 2468
Certificate: 52-C-0035
Site: 001
NATURAL BRIDGE ZOO

Type: ROUTINE INSPECTION
Date: Aug-13-2013

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ATTENDING VETERINARIAN AND ADEQUATE VETERINARY CARE (DEALERS AND EXHIBITORS).

Each dealer or exhibitor shall establish and maintain programs of adequate veterinary care that include the use of appropriate methods to prevent, control, diagnose, and treat diseases and injuries.

***One of the female giraffes has overgrown rear hooves which require trimming. Although the herd is being maintained on gravel, this method appears to not be effective for this particular animal in that her hooves are not improving, but rather have continued to get worse. Overgrown hooves, when left uncorrected, can over time cause foot and joint problems, resulting in gait abnormalities. For the comfort and health of the animals, trimming must occur frequently enough to prevent this condition. The facility is in the process of building a chute which will allow hoof trimming and other veterinary and husbandry procedures without sedation. For correction of this non-compliant item, a plan with specific milestones and dates must be formulated and produced for review. The plan must outline steps to be taken to complete the chute and begin actual trimming and must be ready for review by Sept. 20, 2013.

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WATERING.

All water receptacles shall be kept clean and sanitary.

***The enclosure housing the bears has a large metal tub filled with water which the bears can climb into. There is no separate receptacle with drinking water. In warm weather, the surfaces of the the tub grow algae and the water becomes dirty from the bears entering the tub to cool off. On the date of inspection, this was the case. For their health, comfort, and well being, the bears must be provided with clean drinking water from a clean receptacle. If the tub cannot be cleaned frequently enough to accomplish this, then a separate container with drinking water must be provided. Correct by Aug. 23, 2013

An exit interview was conducted with the owners.

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